

16. May this ambrosia, the appropriate beverage of INDEA, of which he is fond, be quaffed (by him), so that it may inspire the divinity with favourable feelings (towards us), and that he may remove from us our adversaries, and (all) iniquity.

17. Exhilarated by it, valiant MAGHAYAN, slay our unfriendly adversaries, whether kinsmen or unrelated (to us): put to flight, INDRA, hostile armies menacing us (with their weapons), and slay them.

13. Affluent INDRA, facilitate to us (the acquirement of) vast riches in these our buttles: (enable us) to gain the victory: make us prosperous with rain, and with sons and grandsons.

18. Let thy vigorous steeds, harnessed of their own will, drawing thy wish-bestowing chariot, guided by shower-yielding reins, quick-moving, hastening towards us, youthful, thunder-bearing, well-yoked, bring thee to the bountiful, exhilarating (libation).

19. Showerer (of benefits), thy vigorous water-shedding steeds, like the waves (of the sea), exulting, are harnessed to thy car; for they, (the priests), offer to thee, the showerer (of benefits), ever youthful, the libation of the Stowa-juices expressed by the stones.

Vargaxx. 21. Thou, INDBA. art the showerer of heaven, the bedewer of earth, the feeder of the rivers, the supplier of the aggregated (waters): for thee, showerer (of desires), who art the most excellent sitedder of rain, the sweet *Soma*, the honey-flavoured juice, is ready to be quaffed.¹

¹ In this a:ni -he nvo preceding stanzas we have the usual abuse of the ik-rivuth« .f *Vrida*, to sprinkle, to rain; *I*.dra* «

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